

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of January 7, 2015**

Present: Diane Monahan, Dave Crimmins, Howard Siegal, Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Laurie Magee, Ann Ross, Jen Ooi, Barbara Massey, Liz Karvonen, Diane Piper, Lesleyann Foster, Library Director Jerry Cirillo, Children's Supervisor Margi Rossetti, and Trustee Sue Burlone.

Guest: Julie Law-Linck

**Meeting** called to order by Diane M.

**Minutes of November 5, 2014** were presented by **Sue**. Liz made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Dave. Motion passed.

**Nomination Process Report – Howard** presented the Tentative Recommendations of the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs and Board Members at large for 2015. Slate is attached.

**Treasurer's Report – Dave** made a motion to add Bernadette Thie's name as a signer on the Friends' accounts at Foxboro Federal in advance of her being voted in as the new Treasurer at the upcoming Annual Meeting in February. The motion was seconded by Liz and was unanimously approved.

**2015 Budget - Dave** then presented a recap of the Income and Expenses for the Friends for the calendar year 2014 and a Recommended Budget for 2015. After questions and discussion a motion by Lesleyann to accept the budget for 2015 was made and seconded by Howard and approved unanimously.

**Staff Report – Margi Rossetti** thanked us for the budget we have provided for her programs. Literary stations, AWE, are loaded with stories, educational games with themes such as math, science, social studies, art and music. No more CDs to load. These stations have been very busy and were funded from Beyond Books Capital Campaign. There is a new program called Yoga with Children. Mrs. Dow's Art Cart is always popular. Ninety books for the Discretionary Fund were collected.

**Jerry Cirillo** also thanked us for the budget. The library budget was approved by the library Trustees and now will go through the process at Town Hall. The budget went up 2.7%. The maintenance of the library is now included with the maintenance for all town buildings. Custodial service is also taken care of by the town. Both are no longer included in the library budget. No new positions were added. Sundays are once again included in the budget. On average, 175 people frequent the library in the 4 hours we are open. The Friends' rentals are in new locations and new signs will be made up to promote their usage. The digital signs have received good comments. There will be live music programs on occasional Sundays. We will have a National Read-a-thon on National Book Foundation Day on January 24, Saturday from 12-4 PM. All are welcome to come and read. Plus we want to raise money that will support programs like Book Up, The Innovations in Reading Prize and the National Book Awards.

**Trustee Report – Sue Burlone** stated that their last meeting was mostly about the budget. It is a level budget and now it will go before the Advisory Committee. The process is going well. Money was spent on the Boyden Library's new website. Comments are welcome.

**Foxborough Kids Read – Laurie and Barbara** reported that they have had good meetings. They will apply to Partners in Patriotism. They will ask for \$4,000. People have agreed to conduct various programs. Margi had a lot of ideas and contacts. If Partners in Patriotism falls through, the Friends and the library agreed to handle the costs.

**Newsletter - Liz** said that the Newsletter will go out soon. Deadline for articles will be Friday. Newsletters will be emailed by the 14<sup>th</sup>. The main object is to promote membership and the Kids READ program.

**Shelving – Dave** stated that we have all the needed parts. Mike Garrity will be installing the shelving this month. Jerry said he has been cleaning out the large storage room on the main floor. Jack Collins fixed the hinges on the donation bin. The Book Sale Committee is anxious to start collecting books for the May Book Sale.

**Membership – Dave** said that the Executive Board targeted certain groups of people in town to ask them to be Friends. Thanks to Lesleyann who addressed and stuffed the envelopes! Dave would like to display a paper promoting the membership drive with our membership envelopes by the Circulation Desk. Jerry agreed.

**Giving Tree Report – Diane M.** mentioned that 35 gifts were donated to the Discretionary Fund.

**New Business –**

- 1. Food Pantry Roadside Library – Diane M.** brought up the idea to have a selection of books available at the Food Pantry. Discussion ensued but no action taken.
- 2. Partners in Patriotism Grant – Laurie** agreed to write the application and Diane M. will submit it to PIP under her name as President.

**Adjourn**–Liz made a motion to adjourn; second by Laurie. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting: February 4, 2015 in the Community Meeting Room, Boyden Library at 7:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins